



# CHOPLIFTER!

A HI-RES ACTION GAME BY DAN GORLIN  
For the **ATARI** computer

Broderbund Software

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*Most of us would like to be heroes. Trouble is, we're often not properly prepared when the chance to do something heroic comes along. This is your chance.*

*In the area which lies just a few miles east of Patagonia and to the south of Kurdistan lies the Bungeling Empire. This nation of militaristic ideologues has kidnapped the 64 delegates to the United Nations Conference on Peace and Child Rearing.*

*An ancient treaty between the United States and the Bungelings allows the U.S. Postal Service to maintain a mail distribution center in an area near where the hostages are being kept. You have smuggled an entire helicopter into the post office by disguising it as a mail sorting machine. There, while you reassembled your chopper, you have carefully planned to rescue the 64 hostages and bring them back to the post office.*

*Suddenly you hear the sound of explosions. Looking out on the plain where the hostages are billeted in four barracks you see one of the barracks aflame. The hostages are running about frantically, desperate for a chance to escape. Bungeling planes and tanks are fast approaching and lives may be lost. Your chopper is ready to go and fully armed—there is no time to waste. Brøderbund has already contacted the governments of the 64 individuals involved and received assurances that if they are returned safely, discussions on world peace can begin in earnest.*

*Please purchase this package immediately. Go straight home. Read the instructions for operating your helicopter, and lay out your plans for rescuing these innocent people. Then get to it. Don't blow it. Being a hero isn't easy or everybody would do it.*

**An arcade style game for the Atari 400/800 with 48K and a joystick. Packaging is Copyright 1982 by Brøderbund Software, Inc.**

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## ATARI INSTRUCTIONS

### *Rules:*

Hostages are locked in barracks, 16 per barracks. One barracks has been blown open so the hostages can get free. You will need to figure out how to free the other hostages without getting them killed.

The object of the game is to retrieve the hostages, then return them to home base safely. You must land your helicopter close to the hostages so they can climb in, then return and put down on the landing pad next to the post office in order to allow them to scramble out. Don't land on the hostages. That kills them.

The score is at the top of the screen. The LEFT lemon shows how many hostages have been killed. The MIDDLE lemon shows the number of hostages inside the chopper, which has a seating capacity of 16 hostages. The RIGHT lemon shows the number of hostages safely returned. The maximum score is 64.

You get three helicopters per game. The game ends when you lose your third helicopter or all the hostages are dead or rescued.

### *Controlling the Helicopter:*

The chopper will respond logically to up, down, and sideways thrusts of the joystick control. A short press of the joystick button will fire. A medium press will put your chopper in "tank attack" posture, facing you, so that the chopper can shoot back at the tanks on the ground. A longer press will turn the chopper completely around.

### *The Enemy:*

The Bungelings have three weapons at their disposal. The first are tanks, which amble along and will kill hostages or destroy helicopters which have landed or are near the ground. To shoot back at the tanks you must have your helicopter facing forward. The second are jet fighters, which scream out of the sky and shoot air to air missiles at you. You can shoot the fighters down. The third and most deadly enemies are the drone air mines which home in on your helicopter. These are the only enemy vehicles which will attack you on your side of the barrier, at the post office, as well as in the field of battle.

### *Special Keys:*

**START** key-To begin play.

**BREAK** key-To pause, and also to resume play after a pause.

*Francis Scott Key*-Plays piano at the post office.

*Boris Spasskey*-Plays chess at the post office.

*Albuquerque*-I had a college roommate from there once.

**NOTE:** It is necessary to remove all cartridges from your computer before loading this program. It will not load with a cartridge installed.

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